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3Y, BOUVET ISLAND. An interesting message on the public BBSs from UZ9OWD details some of the plans for a trip to Bouvet by a noted Russian explorer named Fedor Konyukhov. Apparently, he is presently in Taiwan outfitting a ship bought specifically for this expedition. He plans stops at Easter Island and Bouvet, and apparently an operation from Bouvet that will last for two weeks. He is soliciting interested ops to accompany him and says the price will be about \$3000 plus some help with radio gear (not a bad price for a trip to two exotic spots). He says he has license in hand signed by Anne-Lise Gaardso on January 5th. No schedule is given for the trip, but it was mentioned before in some VK2SG RTTY DX notes that it might be in April or May. Callsign is to be 3Y/R0L. Reportedly, R0L/MM is active everyday on 14275 around 0800Z. The operator that was mentioned apparently has good credentials as a traveler and has been to the North Pole three times, including one trip he made alone. He has also made an around the world trip alone, and a trip alone which he made to "the highest mountain in the world", presumably Mt. Everest. QSL cards will go to I1HYW. More info as we hear it. This information from UZ9OWD via KB8DB.

D2ACA CONFLICT AND DISPUTE. Letters were sent to several individuals, the DXCC, OPDX and other DX bulletins defending the legitimacy of the D2ACA QSLs. It seems two of the three operators are defending their operations and QSLing while the other is claiming that the QSLs being sent by the other two are no good. The two operators that have sent out the letter also state that donations and IRC/dollars from envelopes were taken, but no QSL cards were sent out. The operators from the D2ACA operation were UT3UY, UT4UM and RT5UY. (ed. This editor chooses not to mention who is doing the finger pointing, but felt this issue should be reported.)

FK, NEW CALEDONIA. The DXpedition to the Chesterfield Islands had to be postponed due to a large cyclone. The group of operators that will be signing FK8C now expect to be active late February 13 or Sunday morning February 14. Their length of stay is unknown at this time, due to the cyclone. At the present, they estimate about 2 to 3 days of activity.

HR, HONDURAS. Art (NN7A) will be active from Guanaja Island (NA-057), which is part of the Bahia Island group, from February 14 to 17. He will sign HR6/NN7A. This will be CW only. QSL via NN7A.

JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. The ESDX (European Satellite DX-Fund) bulletin reports that Kuruja (JD1/JG1RMB) is active from here and this is a new country on the satellites. Kuruja will be there until March 10th. Best times to look for him are on the even days (6th, 8th, 10th... etc) between 1500 to 1600z and 2100 to 2300z. QSL via JM1XCW.

JX, JAN MAYEN. T.J. (JX3EX) has been active on the 14256 DX Net and also operating alone on 14204 kHz. Check these two frequencies around 2130 to 2330z or between 1400 to 1600z. QSL via LA6NM.

QSL MANAGER CHANGE. The St. Petersburg Club station RU1A (formerly UX1A) has changed their QSL Manager to KC1WY, Nathaniel Trumbull, 17 Church St., Woods Hole, MA 02543. UX1A placed first in the world in the 1992 IARU HF World Championship.

ROMEO (3W3RR/AH0M) AND P5RS7 UPDATE. Romeo made a surprise visit to the Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC) meeting in Sturbridge, MA, February 8th. It was reported that he had the P5RS7 logs with him, but no cards. The cards are still being printed in Japan and the announced QSL information remains the same (via JA1HGY).

Ed (NT2X) announced that on Monday, February 8th, the documentation for the P5RS7 operation was submitted to the league for approval. It was also mentioned by Ed, "DON'T expect any decisions to be made before March 31st.

T32, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. The group from the AH1A DXpedition left Howland Island on February 9. All finally made it safely aboard the ship after a very rough departure from Howland. They expect to be operational as T32AJ sometime this weekend.

TI9, COCOS ISLANDS. By the time you read this TI9JJP should be active. Activity by the three operators should last until February 24th.

V3, BELIZE. Both Art (NN7A) and Mike (NG7S) will be active February 22 to 24, signing V31JZ, from Southwater Cay in the Belize Caribbean Sea Coast South Group. They will be active in the ARRL CW DX Contest, but using the callsign V31RL. QSL V31JZ to NN7A, Art Phillips, Box 201, Flagstaff, AZ 86002 and V31RL to NG7S, Mike Sharp, Box 7, Flagstaff, AZ 86002.

XT, BURKINA FASO. Peter (XT2BW) sometimes can be found on 20 meters operating RTTY around 2030 to 2130z. QSL via WB2YQH.

YK1BC, SYRIA. ESDX reports a short satellite DXpedition will take place February 20th and 21st, by Bruce (WA6JCD). His callsign will be YK1BC. QSL via CBA.

ZL7, CHATHAM ISLANDS. The ARRL DX bulletin mentions that ZL7AA will be active beginning March 1st for 10 days. QSL via ZL2AR.

CORRECTION! Harry (OM3EA) informed OPDX the ZIP code was missing in the address that was given for the SARA QSL Bureau (in OPDX.096). The complete

address is: SARA QSL Bureau, Post Box 1, 85299 Bratislava 5, Slovakia.

FAX YOUR DX INFORMATION NOW! This is just in the testing stage, but faxing will be available Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 0430 to 2030z only. The number is 216-237-2816 and operates only Class 2 Fax. Use only the dates and times specified because this is not a dedicated line.

KEEP THOSE BALLOTS COMING! Ballots for the Second Annual OPDX/NODXA DX Survey can be found in OPDX.088. Ballots can be sent to the following packet and online addresses listed below.

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